

(Washington, DC)— Earlier today Congresswoman Gwen Moore spoke on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives about the effects of HIV/AIDS on the African American community, as part of a concerted effort by the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) to highlight the disproportionate number of African Americans suffering from HIV/AIDS. Today, African Americans account for nearly 50 percent of all cases of HIV/AIDS in the United States, though they comprise only 12 percent of the population. In Milwaukee, 4,600 people have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS since 1983, 47.9 percent of whom were African Americans.

“While these data are appalling and frightening, we must remember that this is entirely preventable,” said Congresswoman Moore. “And we must spread the hope of preventing AIDS.”

In order to bring attention to the importance of getting tested for HIV/AIDS, Congresswoman Moore joined other members of the CBC this afternoon in obtaining what is known as an HIV/AIDS “swab test” from a medical mobile outreach vehicle provided by the Washington, D.C. Department of Health. The swab test is pain-free and non-invasive, examining saliva for the presence of antibodies created by the body in order to fight HIV/AIDS. Results are also timely—a positive or negative diagnosis is available within 20 minutes.

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